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FEHB Program Carrier Letter All Community-Rated Carriers

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SUBJECT: 2009 RATE INSTRUCTIONS-Revision -- Community-Rated Carriers

We added the following change to the 2009 Rate Instructions:

• We have eliminated the Similarly Sized Subscriber Groups (SSSG) exclusion for Adjusted Community Rating (ACR) rated groups in their second contract year. ACR rated groups will now be eligible to be SSSGs beginning with the group's second contract year.

We are amending this as follows. This rule will apply only to ACR rated groups whose first contract year is July 2, 2008 through July 1, 2009 or later.

Please direct your questions about the 2009 rate submission to Sherry Simon, Sharon Tu, or Chris Vaughn-Uding at (202) 606-0722, or **actuary@opm.gov**.

Sincerely,

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